

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and the following remarks are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Also, the applicants would like to thank the Examiner for considering that proposal that was transmitted, via facsimile, to the Examiner for consideration by the Examiner. The proposal contained the same amendments and remarks as presented herein. It is acknowledged that the Examiner is of the opinion that the amendments and remarks address the issues previously presented in the Office action. As such, it is hoped that the application is thus progressing towards eventual allowance.

This paper amends claim 1.

Upon review of the Examiner's Response to Argument within the most recent Office action,, it has become apparent that there is a clarity issue with the claims of the subject application. Specifically, within the present invention, it is the protruding part (20) of the component (16) to which the working tool carrier is clamped. Within the example shown within the drawings of the subject application, a surface (11) on the protruding part (20) is for engagement with the tool carrier that is clamped thereto.

It is now appreciated that due to the language previously present within the claim, the intended limitation was being construed such that the tool carrier is merely clamped to a crankcase.

In order to clarify this now apparent problem, claim 1 is amended herein to more clearly state that:

- (1) the working tool carrier is clamped to a protruding part (20) of a component (16), and
- (2) the component (16) is embedded in the crankcase (12) wall when the crankcase (12) is casted,

So to be clear, it is the part that is embedded to which the tool carrier is clamped, not just the crankcase in general.

Turning to the Durr patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,618), Durr does have an embedded stabilizing plate 7. However, the stabilizing plate 7 of Durr does not engage (i.e., no clamping against) a working tool carrier. Durr has nothing to do with a connection to a working tool carrier. Therefore, the claims are allowable.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 37597.

Respectfully submitted,
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